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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with William Woodruff on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee

1. I met with William Woodruff today and gave him a copy of the 1971 budget summary which John Clarke had prepared for Ralph Preston. I told Woodruff we thought he would be interested in seeing this also and suggested that when Preston comes out to the building for a briefing on Agency programs Woodruff might like to join him. Woodruff said he had never really been given an in-depth briefing of this sort and indicated that he would very much like to do this. I told him we would be back in touch with him to arrange a suitable date. I asked him if he had any thoughts or suggestions regarding the format of our budget presentation. He said he thought the way it was done last year was excellent with the exception of the showing of the movie. (Portions of the Agency film on the intelligence estimating process had been included last year. Woodruff indicated immediately after that briefing that the Senators had an aversion to movies in briefing sessions.)

2. I took this opportunity to ask Woodruff for his reaction to the briefing of the combined Subcommittees last Friday. He said both he and Senator Russell regretted that so much time was taken in the "threat" briefing that we never got to briefing on other areas around the world. He acknowledged that this was due in part to the questions raised by members, particularly Senator Ellender. I said it was unfortunate but that we had assumed, since it had been a year since our last overall briefing of the combined Subcommittees, members would want to first hear about the Soviet threat. He said that was a valid assumption. I said it seemed to me the only way to take care of the problem was to

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either have longer or more frequent briefings. Woodruff agreed with this. He said it was difficult to keep the members of these two Subcommittees together much more than two hours at a stretch however and perhaps the answer was more frequent briefings. He said he would give this some further thought.

3. I thought it advisable to fill Woodruff in on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's request that we appear before the Committee to talk about the Chau case. I did not go into the substance of the case in any depth. I was more concerned at the time in having Woodruff appreciate the fact that the Director was taking a firm stand with the Foreign Relations Committee on matters such as this which involved Agency operational matters. Woodruff wholeheartedly endorsed the Director's position and said he appreciated the fact that the Director would be facing a lot of pressure on a number of upcoming issues including the SALT talks and the ABM. Senator Russell apparently referred to the Director's difficult position in these areas in a conversation with Woodruff following the Director's meeting with the Senator last Thursday.

4. I brought Woodruff up-to-date on a number of briefing items including the following:

a. Nasser's trip to the Soviet Union.
b. Detection of a Soviet sub off Bermuda.
c. ChiCom preparations for initial flight testing of an ICBM.
d. Addition of cruise missiles to ChiCom destroyers.
e. Increasing Soviet attention to Egypt.
f. Soviet flight tests of the SS-13.

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